



General Orders No.1

July 2025

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It was a great honor and privilege to be installed as your 2025-2026 Department President during the June Convention in Gettysburg, PA. My journey with the Auxiliary began with a heartfelt connection to my father's service and a desire to make a difference, and what started as a local Auxiliary membership has grown into a deep commitment to our mission. I never imagined I'd serve in this role when I joined, but I embrace it with humility, purpose, and excitement.

Our theme this year, **"Every Day is Veterans Day,"** is more than a motto; it's a call to honor our veterans daily through meaningful action and united leadership.

We will work collectively this year to provide the tools needed to thrive on all levels and make everyone successful. Various resources will be revealed throughout the year, so the monthly General Orders will be an important way to communicate these items to everyone across the Department.

I look forward to working alongside each of you and with Commander Bill Roland and his team to strengthen our impact across the state and beyond. Together, let's build a culture where every voice is valued, every member belongs, and our shared service continues to inspire future generations.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity. Let's make it a remarkable year!

Important Dates:

July 11 - Barger Golf Tournament, The Bridges Golf Club, Abbottstown ***Donations are welcomed***

July 12 & 13 - Program Conference begins @ 2:00 P.M. – Genetti Hotel, Williamsport

July 19 - On The Road Training 9:00 to 4:00 P.M. Trappe VFW 7155

July 20 - On The Road Training 9:00 to 4:00 P.M. New Bloomfield VFW 7463

July 26 - On The Road Training 9:00 to 4:00 P.M. Sharon VFW 1338

July 27 - On The Road Training 9:00 to 4:00 P.M. West View VFW 2754

Review the enclosed On The Road Training information & sign-up

With warmest regards,

Robin

Robin Kohler
Department President

Jodie

Jodie Hollinger
Department Secretary/Treasurer



VFW AUXILIARY

Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes®

MEMO

DATE: June 27, 2025

TO: National Line Officers
Department Presidents
Department Treasurers

Past National Presidents
Department Secretaries

FROM: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Length of Time for Receiving a Membership Card When Transferring
Auxiliaries

During a recent VFW Auxiliary Department meeting, the following question was raised:

Question: What is the expected timeframe for a member to receive their membership card after transferring to another Auxiliary?

Answer: Membership cards for transferred life members are submitted weekly to the VFW Auxiliary's membership card processing vendor, following the same schedule as cards for new, rejoining, or renewing members. Once processed, cards are mailed through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Please be aware that delivery times vary and are beyond our control. USPS delivery efficiency has been inconsistent in recent months.

Additionally, annual members who transfer will not receive a new membership card at the time of transfer. They will be issued a new card the next time they renew their annual dues.

Please share as appropriate. Thank you.

AP: cb

**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026**

CHAIRMAN – AMY PETERSON- amyaux212@gmail.com
#EVERYDAYISVETERANS DAY #SERVINGTHOSEWHOSERVEDJOINOURRANKS
#FROMSEATOSHININGSEA HONORINGVETERANSTHATKEEPUSFREE

LET'S GO TROOPS!!! WE HAVE WORK TO DO!!!

**SERVING
THOSE WHO
SERVED**



JOIN OUR RANKS

**SOUND OFF! ONE-TWO!
SOUND OFF! THREE-FOUR!
SOUND OFF! ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR!
!!!!THREE-FOUR!!!!**



“MESS HALL MUMBLES”

**New Incentives
Earlier Dues Reminders
New Challenges
“RANKED “ UP All State Form
Virtual Welcome Packets
Recruiting Rewards
New Deadlines**

ALL STATE “DRILLS”

**Pay ATTENTION to deadlines,
some have changed!
Over the Road (OTR) Training
One auxiliary member in attendance
is required, could it be YOU!?
Please Continue Welcome Packets,
PLEASE DO NOT SEND TO ME, Thank you!**

**EVERY DAY IS
VETERANS DAY**

**PROGRAM
SPOTLIGHT**

July
2025

EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY



**VFW Auxiliary
Department of Pennsylvania**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Marsha
Fuhrman,
Chairman

Be a
“Reading
Buddy”
this year!

AMERICANISM

Cherie Dysard, Chairman

Let's get our red
shirts on this year!
#PARedShirt

AUXILIARY OUTREACH

Jency Mercado, Chairman

Be on the lookout for a
new award this year!

HISTORIAN

Debra Antosh, Chairman

Let's learn all about
REELS and how to
create them and use
them to promote your
auxiliary this year!

HOSPITAL

Linda Dilling, Chairman

Our project for our
hospitalized veterans
this year is a Heroes'
Heat and Chill Pack!

BUDDY POPPY/ NATIONAL HOME

Beverly Kemmerer, Chairman

THANK YOU, Department of
Pennsylvania, for raising
\$82,230.24 for the National
Home Outdoor Sports Complex
during the past year!

LEGISLATIVE

Tim Altman, Chairman

Check out the VFW
Priority Goals and
Sign Up for VFW Action
Corps Weekly!

Additional
information for
these programs
and activities can
be found at
vfwauxpa.org
then programs –
check out each
program and
look for the
“Information
Station!”

SCHOLARSHIPS

Karen Mooney, Chairman

Same theme for both
Voice of Democracy AND
Patriot's Pen this year!

**“How Are You Showing
Patriotism and Support
for Our Country”**

EXTENSION

Karen Hoover, Chief-of-Staff

Let's use our time together this
year to establish and recognize
new VFW auxiliaries,
maintain our current
auxiliaries and mentor and
encourage all members to
maintain their membership
and consider holding an
office within their Auxiliary!

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Athena Theodorakos-Gjerde, Chairman

Let's support our surviving
families of fallen service members,
active-duty military, veterans and
retirees, and advocate on
their behalf to ensure they
receive the benefits, resources, and
support they have earned
through their service and sacrifice.

MEMBERSHIP

Amy Peterson, Chairman

**“Serving Those Who Served –
Join Our Ranks”**

Pay attention to the All-State
Award deadlines!



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

**EVERY DAY IS
VETERANS DAY**

ON THE ROAD TRAINING

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

TOPICS

"Members Only" Auxiliary Website

Reporting

Know Your Bylaws & Ritual

Financial Responsibilities

Special Services

Officer Responsibilities

Chairman Responsibilities

Engagement Techniques

Roundtable Discussion

And More...

DATES

JULY 19, 2025

VFW 7155 Trappe, PA (D16)

RSVP by July 10

JULY 20, 2025

VFW 7463 New Bloomfield, PA (D17)

RSVP by July 10

JULY 26, 2025

VFW 1338 Sharon, PA (D28)

RSVP by July 17

JULY 27, 2025

VFW 2754 West View, PA (D29)

RSVP by July 17

AUGUST 3, 2025

VFW 804 Bloomsburg, PA (D14)

RSVP by July 24

AUGUST 16, 2025

VFW 8724 Duncansville, PA (D22)

RSVP by August 6

COST: \$15.00

(per person, includes lunch)

MAIL TO:

PA VFW Auxiliary Headquarters
4002 Fenton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Auxiliary No.: _____

District: _____

No. of Members Attending: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Phone No.: _____

OTR Date: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

____ Yes, I'll Play. Enclosed is my entry fee.
Number of players ____ @ \$80.00/player.

____ I am paying for a team of four golfers.
Please register the golfers listed below.

____ I am paying for myself and would like to
be paired with other golfers.

Sorry, I am unable to play, but here is my
donation of \$ ____.

Player #1 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Player #2 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Player #3 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Player #4 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Roxann Shearer

SEND ENTRY AND FEE TO: Roxann Shearer

810 Jefferson Lane Red Lion, PA 17356

Please return form & payment by June 20, 2025

THE TOURNAMENT

PRIZES AWARDED AT LUNCHEON

Par-three holes will offer
"Closest to the pin" prizes

BONUS PRIZE:

\$500.00 will be paid for the
first Hole-In-One
on any par-three on the golf course.

Any additional Hole-In-One that day
Receive \$100.00.

Held at
THE BRIDGES GOLF CLUB
6729 York Road
Abbottstown PA 17301
717-624-9551
proshop@bridgesgc.com

SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Registration Begins

8:00 AM Golf Scramble Shotgun Start
Players need to be on the course

Luncheon Buffet at VFW Post 8896, East Berlin, PA
Lunch, prizes & awards will be at the VFW
upon completion of golf, 12PM to 3:00 PM

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
Roxann Shearer 717-654-2453
Email: rox_usn_07@hotmail.com

VFW POST 8896 & 1446
presents

31ST ANNUAL PA VFW DISTRICT 21



GOLF SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY
JULY 11, 2025



Proceeds will go to the
Jack Barger Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund.

THE JACK E. BARGER, SR. MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INTRODUCTION

A Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund was established at the 1989 VFW State Convention, held at King of Prussia, PA. This fund was in Memorial of Jack Barger, Sr., Department Commander, 1987-88, who passed away during his term of office.

POLICIES

Candidates for the award will be solicited through the Pennsylvania Nursing Association and its contacts with nursing schools in Pennsylvania. Chairpersons and deans of nursing schools will be asked to submit names of worthy candidates. The recipient(s) will be chosen by means of a lottery conducted by P.N.A. with the VFW State Commander and Barger Scholarship Chairman drawing the name(s).

There are two qualifications placed on the candidate(s) by the VFW: (1) the individual be a veteran or the son or daughter of a veteran; (2) be a resident of Pennsylvania.



HISTORY

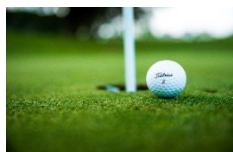
A \$500.00 scholarship was awarded in 1990 and over the past 20 years the amount and number of scholarships awarded have increased to six (6) \$1,000.00 scholarships per year.

There have been various fund-raising efforts made over the years but the two main efforts have been requesting donations from VFW posts and auxiliaries and the Nursing Scholarship Golf Scramble.

FUTURE GOALS

The department hopes to continue to give six (6) scholarships per year and to increase the equity in the fund in order to make it self-sustaining. It is believed that an equity of approximately \$150,000 will be required.

With the help of the VFW posts and auxiliaries within Pennsylvania supporting the Golf Scramble with their generous donations, we will be able to increase the donation for the golf scramble to over \$10,000.00 each year. Remember that none of this money supports the golfers participating in the scramble; however, they support the scholarship program.



NOTICE: This order is a contract.
No verbal arrangements have been made other than those incorporated in this agreement.
This order is noncancellable and becomes of force on acceptance thereof.

2025 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Sponsor of Hole.....\$200.00

_____ Yard Sign w/logo.....\$50.00

100% of the proceeds from Hole Sponsors, Yard Signs, Raffles and Donations go to the Jack Barger Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Deadline for hole sponsors and yard signs is June 20, 2025.

Make checks payable to Roxann Shearer and mail to 810 Jefferson Lane Red Lion, PA 17356

In lieu of ads this year, we invite you to pick one of the following with a donation of \$50.00 each. More than 1 may be purchased.

“HOLE IN ONE”

“GO TEAM”

“LET’S GET THE PAR-TEE STARTED”

“LIFE IS SHORT-SWING HARD”

“SWEEP THE DOG LEG”

These “golf quotes” will be displayed on a yard sign with the Post and/or Auxiliary name on it to be displayed along the golf path during the day of the event.

Great photo op!

